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- (1) Japan 58-191520
- (2) Japan 10-077727
- (3) Japan 2000-035812

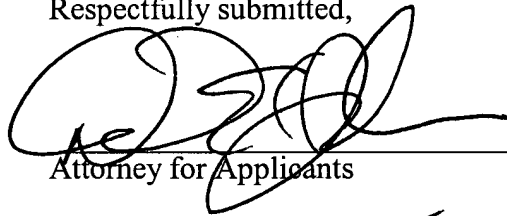
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